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	Title	"Surgical Scalpel Assembly"
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Entitled: "Surgical Scalpel Assembly"

Small Entity Status:

☐ Small Entity Statement under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed
☐ Small Entity Status is asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27

Enclosed are: ☒ 8 sheets of drawings
☒ An Assignment of the invention to: Becton, Dickinson and Company
☒ Declaration
☐ Non-Publication Request Under 37 C.F.R. §1.213

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Multiple Dependent Claim/s			+ \$145.00	+ \$290.00	\$ <u>0.00</u>
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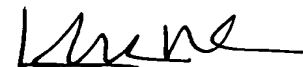
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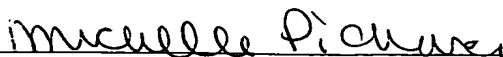
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